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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE

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1. ON EVE OF FRENCH PREMIER CHIRAC'S DEPARTURE FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT IN ROMANIA, LE MONDE JULY 24TH CARRIED LENGTHY FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH CEAUSESCU. INTERVIEW FOLLOWED STANDARD THEMES AND CONTAINED NO SURPRISES.

2. PREDICTABLY, CEAUSESCU PLACED HIS MAIN EMPHASIS ON CSCE, WHICH HAS CONSTRUCTIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. CSCE NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS ONLY A BEGINNING, SINCE NUMBER OF MAJOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE SOLVED, I.E. DISSOLUTION OF BLOCS, DISMANTLING OF FOREIGN BASES, WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM FOREIGN TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP, CEAUSESCU SAID IT WAS NOT AS INSTITUTIONALIZED AS ROMANIA HAD HOPED, OR AS EUROPE  
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REQUIRED. CSCE FOLLOW-UP NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS USEFUL

BASIS FOR DEVELOPING FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

3. ASKED WHETHER ROMANIA NOW CONSIDERS ITSELF A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY, CEAUSESCU SAID IT FAVORED POLICIES LEADING TO SIMULTANEOUS SUPPRESSION OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT AND, AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, WAS INTERESTED IN INTENSIFYING RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEVELOPING NON-ALIGNED AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. ROMANIA WAS, THEREFORE, INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NEXT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. IT HAD ASKED TO BE PRESENT AT COLOMBO, AND EXPECTED THIS ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT LIMA.

4. REST OF INTERVIEW WAS DEVOTED TO RATE OF ROMANIAN ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHICH CEAUSESCU DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY; TO RISE IN WORLD PRICES, WHICH HE SAID ROMANIA WAS ABLE TO ADJUST TO; TO COMECON, WHICH HE SAID CONTRIBUTED TO ROMANIA'S DEVELOPMENT, SINCE THE PRINCIPLE OF INTEGRATION WAS QUALIFIED BY RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY; AND TO COMECON - COMMON MARKET RELATIONS, REGARDING WHICH THERE WAS NEED TO DISCOVER NEW METHODS OF COOPERATION.

5. CEAUSESCU CONCLUDED BY WELCOMING CHIRAC'S VISIT AND STRESSED THAT CURRENT CLIMATE FAVORED MORE INTENSIVE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FRENCH-ROMANIAN RELATIONS.  
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